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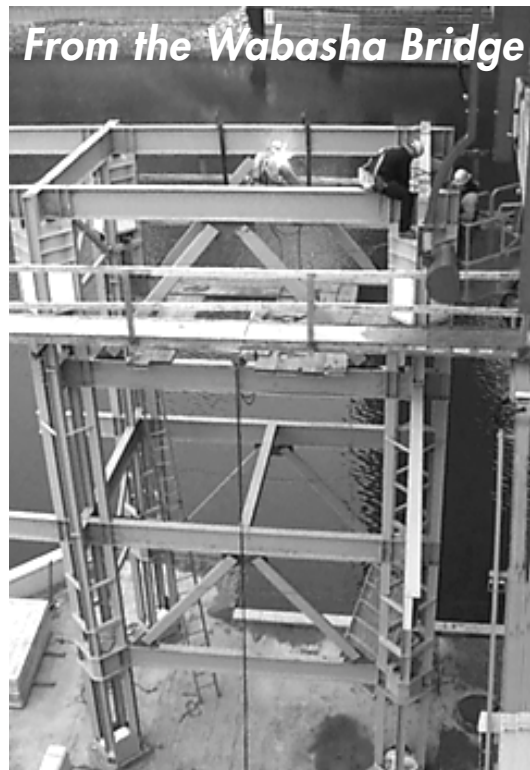
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*From the Wabasha Bridge*

*you can see the City's plan for Saint Paul's Riverfront coming into sharp focus. At left, workers are assembling the stairway to the bridge from Raspberry Island. Public Works engineers expect its completion near the end of the year. You can see the towers of the Target Stage that will be a centerpiece of Harriet Island's rebirth, a project Parks and Recreation employees can be proud of. Looking west beyond the year-old Science Museum of Minnesota, you can see traffic on the newest section of Shepard Road, part of a long-term Public Works improvement.*

### Palace Theatre opens with "Flanagan's Wake" in January as part of Seventh Place revitalization

Officials of the Saint Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development and the owners of the Brave New Workshop Theatre (BNW), founded by Dudley Riggs in 1958, announced that a new production of 'Flanagan's Wake,' an interactive Irish comedy, will open in downtown Saint Paul on January 27, 2001.

Performances will be in the renovated lobby of the St. Paul Palace Theatre, formerly known as the St. Paul Orpheum. "This will be another great attraction for downtown Saint Paul," said Jeff Nelson, Director of Cultural Development for the City of Saint Paul. "'Flanagan's Wake' has been wildly popular in Chicago where it's delighted audiences for

seven years. This play should have a very long run and bring thousands of new visitors downtown.

"As an added benefit, renovating the first floor theater space for Flanagan's is a big step toward preserving the Orpheum, a historic downtown landmark".

"We can't wait to get started," said John Sweeney, co-owner of the BNW and producer of 'Flanagan's Wake.' "Audiences will love our beautifully transformed space. They will feel as if they are truly in the Emerald Isle. We are eager to be part of the growing momentum in downtown Saint Paul. The Minnesota Wild are already having a huge impact,

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drawing thousands of enthusiastic fans who can see the transformation of Saint Paul for themselves. Add these to the unprecedented numbers of people visiting the Science Museum, the Children's Museum, the Ordway, and an array of new restaurants, and you get an idea why we're so excited about our new location."

The City of Saint Paul's Cultural STAR Program assisted the Kelly brothers, owners of Seventh Place Residence and the attached Orpheum Theatre, with a \$200,000 renovation of the theatre's entrance, lobby and mezzanine. A new marquee, due to be lit in December, will herald the return of the theatre to its original name, the St. Paul Palace. The STAR Program also provided financial assistance to BNW for marketing and administration of 'Flanagan's Wake.'

*"Seventh Place used to be something we apologized for. Now our location helps us sell tickets."*

Directly across the street from the St. Paul Palace Theatre, Park Square Theatre is completing a \$520,000 renovation of their lobby, facade and marquee. "Seventh Place used to be something that we apologized for — now our location helps us sell tickets," said Richard Cook, Artistic Director of Park Square.

"The City of Saint Paul has made some strategic investments that are making a huge difference to our theatre and the Seventh Place neighborhood." Park Square will open their renovated facility with the production of Terrence McNally's Master Class on January 3, 2001.

Great Waters Brewing Company and the Wild Thymes Bar and Grill are bookends at the St. Peter Street entrance to Seventh Place. Both restaurants opened in the past three years and cater to the lunch crowd

## **Sgt. Tom Bergren honored by anti-auto theft group**

The Anti Vehicle Crime Association of Minnesota (AVCAM) honored Saint Paul Police officer Sergeant Tom Bergren at its fall seminar, held in Bloomington on October 26th.

AVCAM is comprised of approximately 200 police officers and insurance industry representatives throughout the state. Formed in 1987, to combat the rise in auto theft, AVCAM has provided police training and public awareness for the past 13 years.

Sgt. Bergren was recognized for his work in the area of auto theft investigations and his work on the Minnesota Auto Theft Prevention Board of Directors. Sgt. Bergren received his award from Denny Roske, Executive Director of the Board, and Past President of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators.

Denny told the seminar attendees of Tom's dedication toward the



Denny Roske and Tom Bergren

continuing battle against vehicle theft in Minnesota. Tom has been instrumental in decision-making for the spending of grant money toward the reduction of auto theft. Tom has also served on the Board of Directors of AVCAM, and was recently elected as its President.

Sgt. Bergren has been a police officer with the City of Saint Paul since 1980. He was honored in 1994 as one of the department's Officers of the Year.

during the week and theatre and hockey fans in the evening and on weekends. "It's like night and day," said Great Waters owner Sean O'Byrne. "When we started we were on a deserted corner; now it's Main Street."

The Orbit Gallery, managed by the College of Visual Arts, is another new attraction on Seventh Place. "It's a great way to gain visibility for our college," said Tom Triplett, President of the College of Visual Arts.

"Orbit is just the beginning of our work in downtown Saint Paul." The gallery, with rotating new exhibits of local and national artists, faculty, and students is open five days a week. Most of the art work is for sale to the general public.

Around the corner from Seventh Place on both St. Peter Street and Wabasha Street are new and re-opened businesses to add to the booming life in the neighborhood. Rivertown Market, a full service grocery store and delicatessen,

opened on Wabasha in early November. Their next door neighbor, Candyland, a downtown institution since 1932, continues to draw large numbers of customers. Coney Island, another historic business is about to reopen on St. Peter.

Much of the new activity on and around Seventh Place — the theatre renovations, the art gallery, Orbit Gallery, Great Waters outdoor seating, and the Rivertown Market, have been assisted with grants from the City of Saint Paul's Cultural STAR Program. STAR matches private support for cultural projects that bring new visitors downtown.

"The work we are doing with STAR funds on Seventh Place is doing exactly what we intended — stimulating economic growth," said Mayor Norm Coleman. "'Flanagan's Wake' is bound to bring more activity downtown. It is a great example of how success breeds more success. Three years ago we could only hope

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*Saint Paul, Minnesota. Founded in 1849. Rediscovered in 2000*



**City & County  
Credit Union**

### **Democracy in action**

It's your hard-earned money being deposited on payday, so why not get the most out of it?

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Now with over \$215 million in assets, CCCU has a Board of Directors overseeing the running of the Credit Union. But our Directors are members, just like you. In fact, as a member you could one day be elected to serve on the Board by your fellow members. Can you say that about a large, nationwide bank?

To find out more about City & County Credit Union, call our TeleCenter at 651-225-2700 (TDD 651-225-2761) or visit our web site at [www.cccu.com](http://www.cccu.com) and discover why membership makes the difference.

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that a production like 'Flanagan's Wake' would be attracted to Saint Paul. Now they are eager to join our other popular downtown attractions. I can hardly wait for opening night."

For additional information, contact Jeff Nelson, Saint Paul Cultural Development Director, PED, 651-266-6560.

## **HealthPartners prescription drugs**

### **What is a drug formulary?**

A formulary is a list of drugs that are covered under your health plan. Think of a formulary as a medicine chest. You wouldn't think of stocking your medicine chest with all available products. Instead, you choose what you think would be best for different uses. HealthPartners chooses medications that have been demonstrated to be safe, effective, and affordable.

### **Why does HealthPartners use a formulary?**

Using a formulary not only serves to protect you from unsafe products, but it also helps them to use your premium dollars responsibly. With pharmaceutical costs skyrocketing, and pharmaceutical companies advertising heavily to drive up consumer demand for new products, the savings achieved by using a formulary are critical in keeping your premiums affordable, while providing the best care.

### **What if my physician prescribes a drug that is not in the HealthPartners formulary?**

Doctors don't always remember to prescribe from a particular health plan's formulary. When your personal physician prescribes something

for you, you may want to ask if the medication is on the HealthPartners formulary. If it isn't, you may want to ask your physician whether a formulary item would be suitable for you.

### **Do I have access to medications that are not on the formulary?**

In some cases, you may need a drug that is not on the formulary. Your doctor can request that an exception be made so the non-formulary item can be covered. The clinical pharmacy staff reviews all these requests and decides when an exception is warranted for coverage. Generally, the decision will be made the same day as the request was made by your doctor.

### **Why do some drugs require prior authorization?**

For certain drugs, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee has developed criteria that must be met before the drugs will be approved for coverage, even if it is on the formulary. Your doctor will request coverage for these drugs on your behalf. Generally, the decision will be made the same day as the request was made by your doctor. These drugs are noted on the formulary with a "PA" after their names.



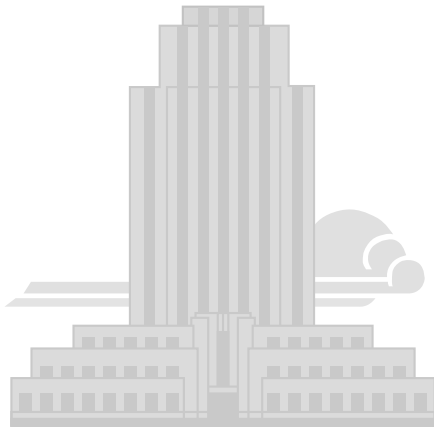
## What do you give the person who has everything?

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## Be a Tour Guide in the City Hall and Courthouse

So you've worked in City Hall for 25 years and you know it like the back of your hand. Put that knowledge to use by becoming a Tour Guide for the historic building we know as the Saint Paul City Hall and Ramsey County Courthouse.

Nearly every day groups of visitors come to City Hall to see the Vision of Peace statue, gaze up at the shiny gold ceiling in Memorial Hall, or find the names of departed servicemen and women that are carved in the pillars.

If you're interested in volunteering your services, contact City Clerk Fred Owusu at 651-266-8688, or at [fred.owusu@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:fred.owusu@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

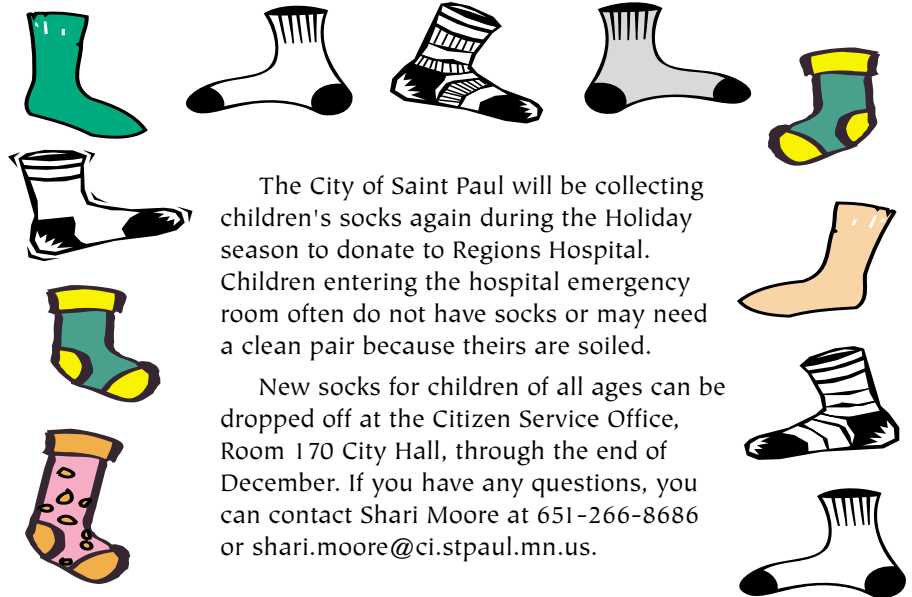
Get your Holiday shopping done the easy way by shopping in City Hall.

The Employee Services Committee is hosting a Holiday mini vendor show. The Vendor Show will be held Tuesday, December 5th, 2000, in rooms 40 A and B, 41, and 42 of the City Hall and Courthouse from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The vendors at the show:

- \* Art Direct
- \* Books are Fun

- \* Colleen's Draperies
- \* Chanhassen Dinner Theater
- \* Golf Access
- \* Jiffy Lube
- \* Minnesota Orchestra
- \* Mainstream Fashions
- \* Ordway Performing Arts Center
- \* The Honey Baked Ham Store
- \* Science Museum of Minnesota
- \* Associated Hearing
- \* PLS Fleet Sales
- \* Lilac Basket



The City of Saint Paul will be collecting children's socks again during the Holiday season to donate to Regions Hospital. Children entering the hospital emergency room often do not have socks or may need a clean pair because theirs are soiled.

New socks for children of all ages can be dropped off at the Citizen Service Office, Room 170 City Hall, through the end of December. If you have any questions, you can contact Shari Moore at 651-266-8686 or [shari.moore@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:shari.moore@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

## City job openings as of December 1st, 2000

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
Open	Clerical Assistant (part-time)	\$9.00 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Clerk-Typist II (Hmong/English Speaking)	\$23,800 annual	See Job Ann
Open	Clerk-Typist II (full & part-time)	\$23,800 annual	See Job Ann
12/08/00	Employee Benefits Coordinator	\$43,082 annual	See Job Ann
Open	**Food Service Assistant (part-time)	\$9.01 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Food Service Helper (part-time)	\$8.00 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst I	\$1201.32	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1397.98	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1550.12	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist I	\$1085.87	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1148.08	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist III	\$1397.98	See Job Ann
12/11/00	Project Management Tech Bi-Lingual (Part-Time)	\$31,350 annual	12/14/00
Open	Library Associate (Part-Time)	\$1144.67	See Job Ann
Open	Recreation Leader (permanent/part-time)	\$8.81 per hr	See Job Ann
12/05/00	Sergeant (prom)	\$1779.12	12/18/00

\*\* This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501) or visit the web site: [www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings](http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings). For jobs announced after November 22nd, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.